

**AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS**

No claims has been amended in this Reply.

1       1. (Previously Amended) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles, comprising:

3              a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight percent; and  
4              at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
5              in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon  
6              oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the  
7              hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than  
8              32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1       2. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, further comprised of the viscosity of the hydrocarbon  
3 oil being 67.8 cSt at 40° C.

1       3.(Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, further comprised of the flash point of the  
3 hydrocarbon oil being at 240°C.

1       4. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the

2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, further comprised of the copolymer being a triblock  
3 copolymer of "Kraton® G 1652".

1           5. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 1, further comprised of the hydrocarbon oil being 83.8  
3 weight percent and the at least one copolymer being 16.2 weight percent of the mixture of the  
4 hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer.

1           6. .(Previously Amended) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles, comprising:  
3           a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent; and  
4           at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
5           in a proportion of from 12 to 27 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the  
6           weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and  
7           the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
            the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1           7. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 6, further comprised of the viscosity of the hydrocarbon  
3 oil being 67.8 cSt at 40° C.

1       8. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 6, further comprised of the flash point of the  
3 hydrocarbon oil being at 240°C.

1       9. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles as set forth in claim 6, further comprised of the copolymer being a triblock  
3 copolymer of “Kraton® G 1652”.

10-14. (Canceled)

1       15. (Previously Amended) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition for the  
2 manufacture of candles, consisting essentially of:

3             a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent; and  
4             at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
5             in a proportion of from 12 to 27 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the  
6             weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and  
7             the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
           the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1       16. (Previously Amended) The transparent, elastic and free standing composition as set forth  
2 in claim 15, wherein the hydrocarbon oil is 83.8 weight percent and the at least one copolymer is

3        16.2 weight percent of the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer.

17-20. (Canceled)

1        21. (Previously Amended) A free standing candle, comprising:

2        a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight percent; and

3        at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers

4        in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon

5        oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the

6        hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than

7        32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C, the candle

8        maintaining a free standing condition even when the candle is lit by means of a flame produced as

9        consequence of the combustion of a candlewick that extends through the candle and projects toward

10      outside an end of the candle.

1        22. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprised of the

2        candlewick being a cotton string imbibed in an alcoholic solution of vegetal resin.

1        23. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprised of the

2        candlewick being firmly retained in a passing hole, the passing hole being produced in the candle

3        when the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the copolymer is at room temperature, the passing hole

4 extending through the candle in longitudinal correspondence to an axis of symmetry etending from  
5 a lower base of the candle.

1           24. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further  
2 comprised of the candle being formed by union of a plurality of different minor portions, each of the  
3 minor portions being individually formed of the hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75  
4 to about 88 in weight percent and the at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock  
5 polymers and diblock polymers in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 weight percent, the  
6 weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in  
7 relation to the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the viscosity of the  
8 hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being  
9 greater than 220°C.

1           25. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising  
2           coloring essences in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3           copolymer.

1           26.(Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2           aromatic fragrances in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3           copolymer.

1        27. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2              air bubbles in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the  
3              air bubbles being distributed through the candle formed by the mixture.

1        28. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:  
2              decorative elements, the decorative elements being provided in the mixture forming the  
3              candle so as to be visible from outside of the candle.

1        29. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 28, further comprised of the  
2              decorative elements being arranged in the candle so as to be placed outside a portion of the candle  
3              adjacent to the candlewick.

1        30. (Original) The candle as set forth in claim 21, further comprised of the hydrocarbon oil  
2              being 83.8 weight percent and the at least one copolymer being 16.2 weight percent of the mixture  
3              including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer.

1        31. (Previously Amended) A free standing candle, comprising:  
2              a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in weight percent; and  
3              at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
4              in a proportion of from 12 to 27 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon oil and the  
5              weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and

6       the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and  
7       the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C, the candle maintaining a free  
8       standing condition even when the candle is lit by means of a flame produced as consequence of the  
9       combustion around a candlewick borne by the candle.

1           32. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprised of the  
2       candlewick being a cotton string imbibed in an alcoholic solution of vegetal resin.

1           33. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further  
2       comprised of the candlewick being firmly retained in a passing hole, the passing hole being produced  
3       in the candle when the mixture of the hydrocarbon oil and the copolymer is at room temperature, the  
4       passing hole extending through the candle in longitudinal correspondence to an axis of symmetry  
5       extending from a lower base of the candle.

1           34. (Previously Amended) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further  
2       comprised of the candle being formed by union of a plurality of different minor portions, each of the  
3       minor portions being individually formed of the hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from 73 to 88 in  
4       weight percent and the at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and  
5       diblock polymers in a proportion of from 12 to 27 weight percent, the weight percent of the  
6       hydrocarbon oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to the mixture  
7       of the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being

8 greater than 32 cSt at 40°C, and the flash point of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than 220°C.

1           35. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2           coloring essences in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3           copolymer.

1           36. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2           aromatic fragrances in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one  
3           copolymer.

1           37. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2           air bubbles in the mixture including the hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, the  
3           air bubbles being distributed through the candle formed by the mixture.

1           38. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 31, further comprising:  
2           decorative elements, the decorative elements being provided in the mixture forming the  
3           candle so as to be visible from outside of the candle.

1           39. (Original) The free standing candle as set forth in claim 38, further comprised of the  
2           decorative elements being arranged in the candle so as to be placed outside a portion of the candle  
3           adjacent to the candlewick.

40. (Canceled)

1        41. (Previously added) A process of manufacturing a transparent, elastic and free standing  
2        candle body, comprising the steps of:

3            preparing a mixture comprising a hydrocarbon oil and at least one copolymer selected from  
4        the group consisting of triblock polymers and diblock polymers, wherein said hydrocarbon oil is in  
5        a proportion from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil is greater  
6        than 32 cSt at 40°C, and a flash point of the hydrocarbon oil is greater than 220°C, and said at least  
7        one copolymer is in a proportion from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent;

8            stirring the mixture to make the mixture transparent;

9            pouring the mixture in a mold;

10          cooling the mixture in the mold to produce a candle body; and

11          demolding the candle body from the mold to obtain a transparent, elastic and free standing  
12        candle body.

1        42. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein the viscosity of the hydrocarbon  
2        oil is 67.8 cSt at 40° C.

1        43. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein the flash point of the hydrocarbon  
2        oil is at 240 °C.

1       44. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein the copolymer is a triblock  
2       copolymer of “Kraton® G 1652”.

1       45. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein said hydrocarbon oil is 83.8 weight  
2       percent and said at least one copolymer is 16.2 weight percent of the mixture.

1       46. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein the stirring step is conducted at a  
2       temperature ranging from 80 °C to 160 °C.

3       47. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein the temperature of the mixture at  
4       the pouring step is in the range from 150 °C to 160 °C to provide the clear and transparent candle  
5       body.

6       48. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, wherein the temperature of the mixture at  
7       the pouring step is in the range from 100 °C to 120 °C to provide the candle body having air bubbles.

8       49. (Previously added) The process of claim 41, further comprising the step of:  
9       before the cooling step, placing a decorative element in the mold.

1       50. (Previously added) A transparent, elastic and free standing composition, comprising:  
2       a hydrocarbon oil in a proportion of from about 75 to about 88 in weight percent; and

3           at least one copolymer selected from the group of triblock polymers and diblock polymers  
4        in a proportion of from about 12 to about 25 in weight percent, the weight percent of the hydrocarbon  
5        oil and the weight percent of the at least one copolymer being in relation to a mixture of the  
6        hydrocarbon oil and the at least one copolymer, a viscosity of the hydrocarbon oil being greater than  
7        32cSt at 40°C, with said hydrocarbon oil and said copolymer combined to provide an elastic mass  
8        that remains free standing while bearing a flame from combustion of said elastic mass.

1           51. (Previously added)The transparent, elastic and free standing composition of claim 50,  
2        wherein a flash point of the hydrocarbon oil is greater than 220°C.